



Nebraska Ag Rank and Ag Business Facts

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Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total, Selected Commodities, Nebraska

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
1	Commercial red meat production, 2011	7,163,900,000	Pounds	14.6
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2011	9,055,722,000	Pounds	20.9
1	Commercial cattle slaughter, number, 2011	6,865,600	Head	20.1
1	Great Northern beans production, 2011	1,044,000	Cwt.	87.3
2	Meat animals cash receipts, 2010	8,021,186,000	Dollars	11.5
2	All cattle and calves- total value, January 1, 2012	7,998,000,000	Dollars	7.9
2	Cattle and calves cash receipts, 2010	7,193,865,000	Dollars	14.0
2	Cattle and calves - all, January 1, 2012	6,450,000	Head	7.1
2	Cattle on feed, January 1, 2012	2,650,000	Head	18.8
2	Beef cows and heifers that have calved, January 1, 2012	1,884,000	Head	6.3
2	Pinto beans production, 2011	793,000	Cwt.	13.5
2	Light red kidney beans production, 2011	148,000	Cwt.	23.3
2	Proso millet production, 2011	1,679,000	Bushels	18.4
3	Feed crops cash receipts, 2010	5,512,224,000	Dollars	10.5
3	Corn cash receipts, 2010	5,347,448,000	Dollars	11.9
3	Corn for grain production, 2011	1,536,000,000	Bushels	12.4
4	All commodities cash receipts, 2010	17,282,579,000	Dollars	5.5
4	Livestock and products cash receipts, 2010	8,453,119,000	Dollars	6.0
4	On-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2011	1,110,000,000	Bushels	8.7
4	Off-farm grain storage capacity, December 1, 2011	859,800,000	Bushels	8.5
4	Soybeans production, 2011	258,405,000	Bushels	8.5
4	Dry edible beans production, 2011	2,100,000	Cwt.	10.6
4	Land in farms and ranches, 2011	45,500,000	Acres	5.0
4	All hay production, 2011	5,624,000	Tons	4.3
4	Sorghum grain cash receipts, 2010	34,231,000	Dollars	2.6
5	Value of principal crops, 2010	11,539,490,000	Dollars	6.0
5	Soybeans cash receipts, 2010	2,647,762,000	Dollars	8.0
5	Crops cash receipts, 2010	8,829,460,000	Dollars	5.1
5	Oil crops cash receipts, 2010	2,664,953,000	Dollars	7.6
5	Net farm income, 2010	3,951,373,000	Dollars	5.0
5	Calf crop, 2011	1,690,000	Head	4.8

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**Current Rank in U.S. Agriculture, Amount, and Percent of U.S. Total,
Selected Commodities, Nebraska (continued)**

Rank	Commodity and Date	Number	Unit	Percent of U.S. Total
5	Area harvested, principal crops, 2011	18,923,000	<i>Acres</i>	6.4
5	Sugarbeets production, 2011	1,288,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.5
5	Sorghum for grain production, 2011	6,580,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.1
5	Sunflower production, 2011	75,900,000	<i>Pounds</i>	3.7
6	Value of all hogs and pigs on farms, December 1, 2011	409,500,000	<i>Dollars</i>	5.1
6	All hogs and pigs, December 1, 2011	3,150,000	<i>Head</i>	4.7
6	Sugarbeets cash receipts, 2010	61,752,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.8
6	Hogs and pigs cash receipts, 2010	815,836,000	<i>Dollars</i>	4.6
6	Pig crop, 2011	7,436,000	<i>Head</i>	6.4
6	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2011	2,465,000	<i>Tons</i>	3.7
7	Winter wheat production, 2011	65,250,000	<i>Bushels</i>	4.4
7	Commercial hog slaughter, number, 2011	7,712,000	<i>Head</i>	7.0
7	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2011	2,104,923,000	<i>Pounds</i>	6.9
8	Alfalfa hay production, 2011	3,159,000	<i>Tons</i>	4.8
8	Sorghum for silage production, 2011	130,000	<i>Tons</i>	5.7
9	Table eggs produced, 2011	2,697,000,000	<i>Eggs</i>	3.4
11	Corn for silage production, 2011	2,880,000	<i>Tons</i>	2.6
11	Wheat cash receipts, 2010	326,594,000	<i>Dollars</i>	3.0
11	All wheat production, 2011	65,250,000	<i>Bushels</i>	3.3
12	All potato production, 2011	7,800,000	<i>Cwt.</i>	1.8
12	Potatoes cash receipts, 2010	68,085,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.2
14	Food grains cash receipts, 2010	327,638,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
14	Hay cash receipts, 2010	121,087,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.2
14	All chickens, December 1, 2011	11,290,000	<i>Head</i>	2.5
14	Chicken eggs cash receipts, 2010	152,857,000	<i>Dollars</i>	2.4
14	Value of all chickens, December 1, 2011	32,741,000	<i>Dollars</i>	1.9
15	Honey production, 2011	2,419,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.6
15	Oats production, 2011	1,300,000	<i>Bushels</i>	2.4
17	Value of wool production, 2011	328,000	<i>Dollars</i>	0.7
18	Wool production, 2011	410,000	<i>Pounds</i>	1.4
21	Sheep and lambs, January 1, 2012	77,000	<i>Head</i>	1.4
21	Number of farms, 2011	46,800	<i>Farms</i>	2.1
29	Meat and other goats, January 1, 2012	20,000	<i>Head</i>	0.8

Nebraska Agribusiness Facts

- ◆ Ranking fourth in the U.S., Nebraska's total cash receipts from farm and ranch marketings amounted to \$17.3 billion in 2010, an 8 percent increase from the \$16.1 billion recorded in 2009. Receipts for crops totaled \$8.8 billion, and livestock and livestock products totaled \$8.5 billion. Direct government payments in 2010 were \$510 million.
- ◆ Ranking third in the U.S., Nebraska's value of production per operation averaged \$385,255 in 2010.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the U.S., Nebraska's net farm income in 2010 totaled \$4.0 billion. Net farm income per operation, at \$83,716, ranked second.
- ◆ Gross expenditures for farm production in 2010 amounted to \$14.2 billion.
- ◆ Farmers and ranchers in 2010 spent \$1.8 billion for feed purchased, \$3.0 billion for livestock and poultry purchased, and \$1.0 billion for seed purchased.
- ◆ Total outlays in 2010 for fertilizers, lime, and pesticides were \$1.7 billion. Fuel, oil, and electricity totaled \$789 million. Hired and contract labor expenses totaled \$494 million. Expenditures for repair and maintenance of capital items totaled \$746 million.
- ◆ In 2010, Nebraska farmers paid \$780 million for on farm and ranch property taxes and \$1.0 billion in net rent to non-operator landlords. They also paid \$723 million in interest on farm real estate mortgage debt and on non-real estate interest.
- ◆ Total depreciation and accidental damage to farm buildings and depreciation to motor vehicles and other farm machinery and equipment totaled \$904 million in 2010.
- ◆ Ranking fifth in the U.S., Nebraska agriculture exports in fiscal year 2010 totaled \$5.3 billion. Nebraska ranked second in live animals and meat exports at \$1.1 billion, third in feed grains and products at \$1.3 billion, and fourth in soybeans and products at \$1.8 billion. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 31 percent in 2010.
- ◆ Each dollar in U.S. agricultural exports stimulated another \$1.34 in business activity in 2010. Nebraska's \$5.3 billion in agricultural exports in 2010 produced an additional \$7.1 billion in economic activity for a total economic output of \$12.4 billion.
- ◆ In 2008, Nebraska was eighth nationally in certified organic cropland acres (129,858) and eighth in certified organic pasture acres (53,174).
- ◆ In 2011, Nebraska ranked second in the U.S. in ethanol production capacity, with 24 operating plants having an annual production capacity of 2.2 billion gallons. Over 40 percent of the state's 2010 corn crop was utilized in ethanol production.
- ◆ Nebraska is a water-rich state. Underneath over half of its 49-million-acre land surface is stored about 2 billion acre-feet of good quality groundwater. Currently, 92,467 registered wells and some 6,302 surface water rights supply water to 8.6 million acres of harvested cropland and pasture. Of the total cropland harvested during 2007, 46 percent was irrigated.

Trends in Agriculture: Nebraska, Selected Years, 1990-2011

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	2010	2011
Total farms	57,000	56,000	52,000	48,000	47,200	47,200	46,800
Land in farms (000) acres	47,100	46,400	46,100	45,700	45,600	45,600	45,500
Average size of farm (acres)	826	829	887	952	966	966	972
Area harvested (000) acres	18,044	17,769	18,536	18,508	18,590	18,792	18,923
Farm real estate value/acre ¹	524	580	710	910	1,340	1,520	1,780
Land and buildings value (mil.\$)	24,680	26,912	32,731	41,587	61,104	69,312	80,990
Cropland value per acre ²			1,130	1,420	2,180	2,510	2,960
Irrigated cropland value per acre ²			1,580	1,870	2,700	3,150	3,900
Dryland cropland value per acre ²			890	1,190	1,850	2,100	2,350
Pasture value per acre ²			230	310	450	475	520
Cropland cash rent per acre ²			88	97	128	135	150
Irrigated cropland cash rent per acre	102	111	117	127	163	170	190
Dryland cropland cash rent per acre	59	57	66	72	97	103	115
Pasture cash rent per acre	10.60	9.20	11.30	12.00	16.00	16.00	16.50
Final agricultural sector output (mil.\$) ²	9,784	9,078	9,530	12,903	17,194	18,184	
Net farm income (mil.\$) ²	2,510	1,662	1,453	2,972	3,270	3,951	
Commercial fertilizer sold (000) tons ³	1,889	1,996	2,453	2,698	3,039	3,161	3,472

¹ Includes farmstead and operator dwelling.

² Missing data not available.

³ Year ending June 30.